



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Cultural related items)

- Community Center update! The beams are up at the Community Center out near Aki! Pictures and update information will be in the April edition of the Currents.
- Tribal History Book: It is the current plan to have copies of the book 'Our People, Our Journey the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 1615 -1994' available for distribution at the Spring Membership Meeting. For those not at the meeting a mailer will be sent with the means to receive your free copy of the Tribe's history book."
- Anishnabe Concert - A cultural note from our Southern neighbors.....
March 7th, 2009 SMC Lyons Theater Dowagiac, Michigan 4:30p.m-8:00p.m. If you would like to attend this night of fun and entertainment please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Potawatomi @ 1-888-330-1234.
- Peacemaking Talking Circle. The Peacemaking/Probation Department is looking for anyone who would like to join a Peacemaking Talking Circle. See the flyer in the new Currents for more details.

(General area items)

- Candidate Forum. A Candidate forum for the General Election has been scheduled at the Three Fires Conference Center for 2 p.m on the afternoon of March 28th.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- Currents Election issue is out! The March edition of the newspaper has been completed and mailed. It contains results of the Primary as well as messages from General Election candidates. You may also view it on line at www.lrboi.com .
- E-mail addresses! The Office of Public Affairs would like to put together an e-mail list of members so that they could forward information in a timely manner. Please send your e-address to the department administrative assistant at aeagle@lrboi.com with a copy (cc) to the director at gzaring@lrboi.com .
- Property Office – Garage Sales! There will be no yard sale during the April Membership Meeting. The annual yard sale will take place during the September

(from the Kateri Circle)

“the Creator was responsible for the existence of everything, a part of the Creator’s spirit exists in everything and thus all things are connected.”

--Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

The Creator designed nature, people, and all things as an interconnected system. Everything is connected to each other. This connection exists in the Unseen World. The same way our body parts are all part of the body-the parts are separate but also connected. If a part of our body is in pain, the rest of the body recognizes this pain as its own. In other words, the pain of one is the pain of all. This is also true of every interconnected system. Because we are connected, we should respect and take care of our Earth and each other.

Great Spirit, let me treat everyone, today, as if they were You.

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From L.R.B.O.I.



Important Notice for College Students!

For the 2009 Calendar year there will be NO summer scholarships available. You will be able to apply for and receive a scholarship award for only two **(2) semesters during 2009**. The Book Stipend is still available for summer. You will be able to apply for and receive a book stipend award for three **(3) semesters during 2009**. Obviously not all colleges follow the same schedule.

To clarify, the fall semester generally runs from **late August or early September until December**- we refer to that semester as “fall”, although your school might refer to it as “autumn”. The semester that generally runs from **January to late May or early June** is referred to variously as “winter” semester or “spring” semester- we refer to that semester as “winter”. Any other semesters are considered summer for LRBOI purposes. Schools may refer to them as Summer I and Summer II, Summer, or Spring and Summer. Generally those are semesters or terms which fall somewhere in May through August, and usually, though not always, are shorter semesters.

If your school is on a quarter system, you have 4 quarters generally of equal length. In this case, you can receive a scholarship for fall semester and winter semester only. There will be no scholarship for spring or summer semester. However, the College Book Stipend is still available for summer. If your school is on a quarter schedule or if your spring and summer semesters are short semesters, you will need to combine the two. For example- if you are taking 6 credits in the spring semester and 6 credits in the summer semester, you will apply for a single book stipend for 12 credits. Schedules for both semesters/quarters must be included.

In addition to the cut of summer scholarship funding, the College Laptop program has been cut for 2009 as well. It is hoped that these are temporary cuts and that, provided the economy improves, they will be back in the budget come 2010.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Yvonne Parsons in the Education Department 231-398-6735

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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

Peacemaking/ Probation Department

**You Are Invited To Join Us For A Peacemaking
Talking Circle Meeting**

The Peacemaking/Probation Department is looking for volunteers to participate in a Peacemaking Talking Circle. The goal of this talking circle is to help our fellow Tribal Members to understand that their actions affect the whole community. By becoming part of the talking circle you will be helping out our young people. Helping them to understand, and take responsibility for their actions. By participating in a Talking Circle you will also be carrying on our Cultural Heritage. The Anishinaabek have conducted Talking Circles for thousands and thousands of years. There are Sharing Circles, Healing Circles, and Peacemaking Circles.

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Time: 5:30 pm**

If you are considering joining us on
Ansten Brinker, know, or if you would
reached at (231) 398-2239 or (231) 398-2240, or by email: pwilson@lrboi.com, alraker@lrboi.com
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**March 30th, Please let Pat Wilson or
like more information. We can be**



This event is sponsored by the Peacemaking/ Probation Department

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.